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THE CHAPEL



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS:

Sunday, Chapel	8:00 a. m.
Sunday, Red Cross Bldg. "old" hospital	10:15 a. m.
Confessions before Mass	

PROTESTANT SERVICES:

NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:	
Sunday School, Young People	9:00 a. m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a. m.
Sunday Vespers	7:30 p. m.

RED CROSS AUDITORIUM "NEW" HOSPITAL:
Sunday School, Children 10:00 a. m.
"OLD" HOSPITAL RED CROSS BUILDING:
Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a. m.
Sunday Vespers 5:30 p. m.
Wednesday Vespers 5:30 p. m.
ASSEMBLY HALL, M.D.E.T.S.:
Sunday 11:00 a. m.

RESOLUTIONS

The New Year 1945 has arrived. 1944 has been, perhaps, one of the most historic years since the beginning of America. Some of the things hoped for have not been realized but many things have gone beyond our expectations. 1945 bids fair to be even more important than 1944, in that we all hope to see a part, if not all, of this war ended. The time now approaches for us to consider the advisability of making resolutions and what these well might be. It is my purpose to enumerate a few that occur to my own mind.

In the first place, every American should resolve to do his very best to help to bring this war to a speedy conclusion and may I say that the part that each individual plays is an important one. Now, this resolution can be accomplished through a real appreciation of what America means to each of us. This type of appreciation will stimulate the desire on the part of each to do his very best in the job he has and to refrain from shirking along any line.

The second resolution that I would call to your attention is that of our obligation to our Heavenly Father. This is far more important than even the best of us may realize. All that we have of life, privilege, and hope, comes to us through our religion. Since behind everything is Almighty God and His Beloved Son, we Christians should resolve to make our Christianity more practical and more personal than it has been in the past. There should be an adoration of God every day of our lives for His many blessings. There should be a faith that recognizes His ability to lead in world affairs as well as in the individual life, and consecration of our lives and resources to His Kingdom's interests. There should be a willingness on the part of each to say, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

We should further resolve to be considerate of others, realizing that each individual has problems that are not known to us, and that these problems many times are very great even though not expressed by word of mouth. An understanding attitude can go a long way toward the unity that is needed in every activity connected with our lives.

There are many other smaller resolutions that can well be made and should be.

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BASIC TRAINING

UNDER THE SUPERVISION

ARMY NURSE CORPS



Basic Training for Army Nurses was first initiated at Brooke General Hospital on 19 July 1943. Based on a master schedule from the War Department, Basic Training was begun as a four-weeks' program of which two weeks were devoted to classroom and drill field work and two weeks on the wards.

In November 1944, the program was expanded and is now of three weeks duration with one week on the wards. Several important phases were added to the teaching schedule, such as classes on nursing care and administration, tent pitching, excursions to various nearby installations such as the new Plastic Eye Center and the Electroencephalographic Laboratory; the Reconditioning Unit; the Medical Department's Enlisted Technicians School—all of Brooke General Hospital; the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, at which Brigadier General Eugene Reinhartz addresses the nurses, and the School of Air Evacuation, also at Randolph Field. The Basic Training Classes are shown an army hospital train and one of the C-47 planes as it arrives at Alamo Field. In these planes patients are transported from other General hospitals in the United States, after their evacuation to this country by plane or boat from an overseas theater.

The group takes several hikes during Basic Training, one of these being a map-reading problem.

On this hike the nurses experience a surprise chemical attack, learn practical application of water purification, and practice "taking cover" in the event any of the planes overhead may be "enemy" planes.

The Basic Training program includes lectures on Health and Hygiene in various climates; Military Courtesy and Customs of the Service; Military Security; Map Reading; Postal Censorship; POM and Troop Ships; Chemical Warfare; Malaria Control; Interrogation of Prisoners; Military Law; Field Orientation and Evacuation of the wounded.

Lectures are given to supplement the various subjects mentioned and additional lectures on the organization of the Army, Medical Department and the Army Nurses Corps, wearing of the uniform; mess management; hospital diets; military correspondence; ward management; emergency surgical and emergency medical treatment; Thoracic surgery; Neurosurgery

and use of blood and blood substitutes. These lectures are given by members of the Staff of Brooke General Hospital.

Lectures totaling 12 hours on subjects pertaining to nursing care and preparation of records are included in the course as well as a demonstration and practice in ambulance loading.

Instructors of the course are members of the regular staff of the hospital and the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School. All members of the Army Nurse Corps, Physical Therapists and Hospital Dietitians in the Army are required to take Basic Training and all such personnel coming into the Eighth Service Command take their training at Brooke General Hospital. At the completion of the course, a certificate is awarded.

New combat bulletins in film form, released by the War Department are shown on open hours.

Physical training includes dismounted drill, calisthenics and games such as volley ball, soft-ball and kick-ball. Approximately 30 hours are required for this phase of Basic Training.

The Basic Training Program for all military personnel at Brooke comes under the supervision of Major Clyde Kernek, Plans and Training Officer, who with Lt. Colonel Elizabeth Harding, ANC, former Chief Nurse of Brooke and Lt. Margaret E. Schmidt were responsible for first setting up the Basic Training Program here. Technical Sergeant Alexander Lemons was the first drill-master. Lieutenant Mary Elaine Hendrixson, ANC, is now in immediate charge of the program and Pfc. Bernard H. Reando is the present drill-master.

Lt. Hendrixson was born in Marietta, Ohio, and graduated from Marietta College there. She majored in English and Education and is a member of Chi Omega and the American Association of University Women.

Receiving her Master's Degree in Nursing at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, Lt. Hendrixson also holds a Certificate in Public Health Nursing from the same school. She served on the staff of the Cleveland Visiting Nurses' Association for two years. Leaving Cleveland, she went to Silver City, New Mexico, as Director of Health Service at the New Mexico State Teachers College.

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First Lieutenant
Mary E. Hendrixson,
Army Nurse Corps,
in charge of Basic
training at Brooke
General Hospital, at
her desk in her office,
Reid Hall.



ARMS SIDEWARD! RAISE! is the command given to begin Calisthenics by the drill master, Pfc. Bernard H. Reando, 10 hours' drill and Calisthenics are required in Basic Training for Nurses, Physical Therapists and Hospital Dietitians.



EARLY IN THE MORNING during Calisthenics, the class learns to do "push-ups" as part of its Basic Training.



DRESS RIGHT! DRESS!—the order to form a straight line as the right end of each squad stands fast extending the left arm until fingers touch the shoulders of the person at the left. All other members of squad turn eyes right as they extend left arm.



LECTURES form an integral part of Basic Training. Here Colonel Alfred R. Thomas, Jr., Chief of the Laboratory Service at Brooke General Hospital lectures on Malaria Control.



CHEMICAL WARFARE to prove the effectiveness of the gas mask. Nurses go in the gas chamber with their masks on and while in the chamber must remove their gas masks, give name, rank, organization and serial number before stumbling blindly out. This training is required of all military personnel as defense against chemical attack.



A HIKE with full pack is one of the requirements of Basic Training at Brooke.



DRINKING FROM A LISTER BAG: during the outing, the class learns how to disinfect drinking water in the field.



CAMOUFLAGE—“Cherchez la femme!”



SURPRISE GAS ATTACK shows orderly adjustment of gas masks and helmets.



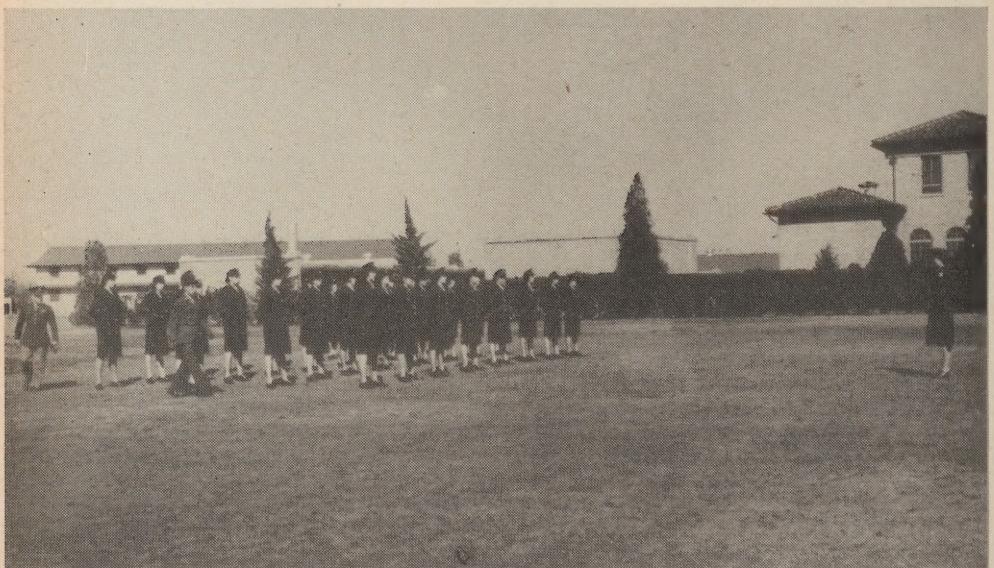
A BREAK IN THE MARCH. Group rests for a few minutes before continuing the march.



AMBULANCE LOADING—the art of caring for the sick and wounded in the field is part of the Basic Training course at Brooke.



TENT PITCHING—Major Maidie E. Tilley, Chief Nurse, Brooke General Hospital, inspects tent pitching on the field adjoining Reid Hall.



INSPECTION of members graduating from the Basic Training class by Major Gen. John F. Sloan, of the 88th Division

... Christmas at Brooke ...



Left—Pound Boxes of chocolates, gift of the Brooke General Hospital to its patients, are being distributed by a Gray Lady. The boxes were decorated with a sketch of the hospital within a colorful wreath and below it, a sincere Christmas greeting.



Above—Patients in Ward 4 gather 'round their Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve, awaiting the distribution of Christmas Gifts.



Above—Ward 5 (Orthopedic Ward) shows off its pretty tree on Christmas Eve, just before the distribution of gifts.



Right—Ward 7 (Officers' Ward) participates in Christmas fun. Don't look now—but are those CIGARETTES hanging on yon Christmas Tree?

Scenes From Christmas at Brooke

Left—General Beach and Santa Claus (any resemblance to Captain Hawthorne is purely intentional) at the Christmas Party held by the Adjutant's Section.



Right—General Beach delivers the Christmas Message on Christmas Eve to ambulatory patients at the Red Cross Auditorium, Building No. 1.



Above—Carol singing by members of the Incarnate Word College Girls' Choir at the Red Cross Auditorium, Christmas Eve.



Above—The Children's Christmas Party, ably planned and executed by the Special Service Office of Brooke General Hospital.



Above—The Adjutant's Section holds a Christmas Party—Polly Bomba stops to admire (?) Major Kernek's gift.



Right—Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by the many who attended the Christmas Party given by the Adjutant's Section.



Above—The Medical Supply Section held a Christmas Party, too. The improvised Santa is none other than Alvin "Butch" Menger.

Left—Corporal Carter and Sergeant Robinson, Santa's (Corporal Oyster) Helpers, aid in distributing the gifts at the Children's Christmas Party.



Mess Inspection December 25th

Right—Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of Brooke General Hospital, inspects the Mess on Christmas Morning. Shown with the General, are Lieutenant Catherine C. Smith, Hospital Dietician and to her right, Major Roy I. Weir, Jr., Mess Officer at Brooke.



Above—Mess No. 1, located in the main building of the "new" Brooke General Hospital.



Above—Mess No. 3, located in the Detachment, Medical Department.



Left—Mess No. 6, located in the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School.



"A War Expert Views the News"

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SURPRISE

(January 4)

The German counteroffensive of the Christmas season of 1944 will go down in history as having been productive of more consternation in the Allied ranks than any other event of the war. To what extent commanders were caught off guard is a matter that should be viewed with extreme caution, as much is yet to be learned of events immediately preceding Field Marshal van Rundstedt's surprise attack. Today high American air officers in conference in Paris said that bad weather, plus the fact that there is only half as much daylight on the western front now as on D-day, prevented adequate air reconnaissance of German preparation for this great offensive.

One conjecture definitely can be dismissed—that General Eisenhower planned to entrap and destroy enemy forces known by him to be preparing to breach the Allied front. If such had been the Supreme Commander's knowledge and purpose, he would have proceeded in a manner less costly than were the events of the first week of the break-through.

It is a remarkable fact that 36 hours after the Germans struck on a 50-mile front, their defeat in this particular enterprise could be foreseen at Allied headquarters. The Nazi time-table was badly disrupted by the few American divisions that gallantly held the battered sectors or fought magnificent withdrawal actions. It was apparent that one objective of von Rundstedt was for the divisions in the north to drive to the Meuse River at its nearest point—the fortress city of Liege. But divisions from the American First Army hit the northern flank of the penetration, bending the prolongation of the salient southward, and Liege was never threatened. The several German columns in the southern wing of the counteroffensive were slowed down by the small force of Americans on their front, and it was not until three days had elapsed that the Third Army, Patton's command, was ordered into the action.

On the fourth day of the invasion (December 19) four German columns had reached the highway through Bastogne and Arlon, 25 miles from their jump-off line.

It is likely that General Bradley delayed ordering Patton to move into position to attack, until Hodges had time to funnel the direction of the penetration southward, by the pressure his First Army exerted on the north flank of the salient.

From the time Patton struck, the enemy's further progress was gradually squeezed into a four-mile-wide corridor that lost all momentum at Ciney and Celles, a few miles eastward from Dinant on the Meuse River. Christmas, the tenth day of the action, marked the collapse of the German high command's plans. The outstanding spots of the last half of December are to be found in heroic deeds performed by separate American units.

The German counteroffensive began on December 16 in the north with a drive through the Eifel Mountains, 10 miles east of St. Vith. An organization, not designated in the dispatch but probably a division of the First Army, had been in a quiet rest area for a few days, where it was stretched out, with its patrols, over a front of about 25 miles. On the night of the 15th the organization learned that the Germans were massing on its front. The attack came at dawn. German columns cut in behind Schnee Eifel from both flanks, trapping the American outpost troops. The main body unsuccessfully strove to break through to their encircled comrades, who in two days were wiped out. The Germans drove the main body of this organization back to St. Vith the night of the 17th.

Supreme Allied Headquarters disclosed that the 1st Infantry, 7th Armored and 82nd Airborne divisions figured prominently in stemming the German drive in its first few days. When the crack 12th Panzer Division crashed through above St. Vith and headed for Malmedy, the veteran First Infantry Division was rushed from the region of the Roer River to Butgenbach and in the ensuing battle, which raged for several days, tore the heart out of these SS (Elite Guard) troops. It was just south of this area that Himmler's SS troops massacred about 100 American soldiers who had been taken prisoner.

The 7th Armored Division, which in four months of combat had fought as part of four armies, got word on Sunday the 17th to come quickly. One of its two combat teams struck into St. Vith while the other

covered the flank to the north. After holding the important road-net around St. Vith for five days, while the main American defense line was being extended westward, the division was relieved and ordered into a rest area. The rest period lasted only a few hours, however, when the 7th Armored was ordered back into the line.

The 82nd Airborne Division saw bitter fighting in and around the "Stavelot pocket," against the 1st SS Adolf Hitler Panzers. At Bastogne occurred the most spectacular of all these gallant episodes. The 101st Airborne Division was rushed into Bastogne by trucks, just before the Germans completed the encirclement of that eight-way rail and road junction on the 19th of December. Their gallant defense of Bastogne, until relieved by Third Army troops, was an outstanding episode in the early days of the invasion.

San Antonio's 2nd Infantry Division, flanked by the 1st and 99th Infantry Divisions, held the northeast shoulder of the enemy's corridor below Monschau, beating back blow after blow along the vital road-network. Cooks, clerks and drivers fought in the front lines, met the enemy attack head on and stemmed the surge of an SS armored division, elements of two other SS armored divisions and three infantry divisions.

Continuing to deepen and broaden his position around Bastogne, Patton has dominated that part of the embattled line—but only by a thin margin. The Third Army strives to cut through the 12-mile waist line and encircle elements of probably eight to ten German divisions. Yesterday (January 3) Hodge's opened an offensive, striking south from Grandmenil. At this writing the forces of Patton and Hodges are less than 10 miles apart.

BURMA

Greater progress has been made in driving the Japanese out of north central Burma, than might be inferred from the modest stand taken by Lt. Gen. Dan Sultan, in not allowing himself to be exploited in the news pertaining to the operations of American forces there. United States infantry and artillery troops, known as the "Mars Task Force," have been fighting toward Mandalay for some time. This task force is made up of veteran jungle fighters from Merrill's Marauders, together with replacements from the United States and volunteers from U. S. forces stationed in the India-Burma theater.

A most interesting piece of news was that a "powerful American and Chinese tank force had roared into the town of Bhamo." Bhamo previously had been captured by a highly efficient force of Chinese infantry and artillery.

The British 36th Division captured Tiguaing, 42 miles down the Irrawaddy from Katha, and 125 miles short of Mandalay.

To the east near the China border, the 30th Chinese Division captured three villages 30 miles north of Namhkam, where the Japanese are expected to make their last stand in defense of the old Burma Road. It was reported that there were indications that the branch road from Bhamo to the Burma Road would be opened soon.

British troops on the 15th Indian Corps front captured Kwazon, a village at the junction of the Kalapanzin and Mayu Rivers.

In eight days a corps of the British Fourteenth Army in Burma advanced 150 miles. It can be seen how this remarkable exploit has changed the strategical pattern of the Burma campaign. Until recently there were three battle sectors, but no single front in Burma. Now there is a connected line clear across the country. Numerous reactions from that theater of war, point definitely to early truck service into China.

COOPERATION FROM THE HEART

When the Japanese made their assault on Assam last spring and threatened to cut the railroad supplying Stilwell's rail-head at Ledo, Stilwell offered to lend the British general in command of the area one of his best Chinese divisions, to help protect the rail and road communications. That would mean the advance on Myitkyina would have to be postponed indefinitely. The Britisher refused the generous offer and in turn assured General Stilwell that should the railroad be cut, he guaranteed it would not remain cut for more than ten days. With this assurance Stilwell headed all-out for Myitkyina.

Stilwell did the job of driving the Ledo road to Myitkina, and now the British are cooperating on a larger scale than before to complete the connection with the old Burma Road, and to throw the Japanese out of Burma.

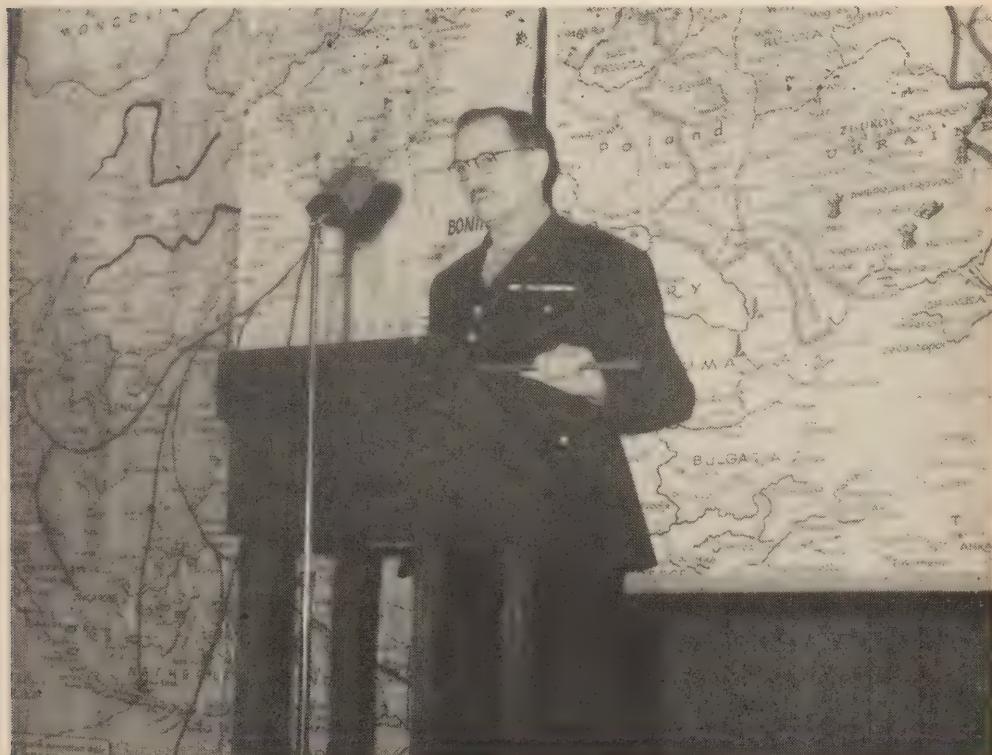
MacARTHUR

In a communiqué issued on the last day of 1944, General MacArthur said that the completed campaign on Leyte, where seven divisions of the Sixth Army under General Krueger had wiped out five full Japanese divisions and the major elements of two others, resulted in the annihilation of the 35th Japanese Army, including 116,770 officers and men.

The victorious American forces were of approximately the same strength as the Japanese, and consisted of the 1st Cavalry Division, the 11th Airborne Division, and

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General Edgar King Addresses Staff of Brooke Hospital



Brigadier General Edgar King, formerly Chief Surgeon of the Armed Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area, now with the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C., was a recent visitor at Brooke General Hospital and is shown above as he addressed the Staff of the hospital in the auditorium at the Red Cross House on December 27th.

Brooke General Hospital was honored the past month in having Brigadier General Edgar King as a distinguished guest. General King, formerly Chief Surgeon of the Armed Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area now with the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D.C. spoke before the hospital staff on December 27th, the second day of his two-day visit.

General King is making a tour of hospitals throughout the country and when

asked about his visit to Brooke remarked, "I came to see what I could learn about what Medical Department people are doing on the home front and to be of any assistance in giving information which might be of value to those slated for overseas duty.

General King expressed himself as being well pleased with the skill and efficiency of Medical Department personnel as a whole.

RESOLUTIONS

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Some of you may say that you do not make new resolutions, but it is scarcely believable that one would want to remain in this state of mind. My appeal is that our reso-

lutions be made intelligently after much thought and meditation and then set before us as principles by which we should live in the New Year.

OLLIE G. MATTHEWS
Brooke's Chaplain

RADIO SHOP OPENED AT RECONDITIONING UNIT



T/5 Harold Weiss of Belharbor, Long Island (former patient of Brooke), left, in center picture, gives a few pointers to Pvt. William C. Pleasant of Houston, Texas, in the construction of a receiving set in the Radio Shop. Others left to right, are: Pvt. Charles Kemp of



Left to right at the front table: Pvt. Johnnie Bickley of San Antonio; T/5 Harold Weiss of Belharbor, L. I.; Pfc. Sam B. Brice of Shreveport, Louisiana; Pfc. Ronald Lewis of Hopeville, Georgia; T/5 Wallace Sharp, Jr., of Edinberg, Texas; and Pfc. Edward J. Abair of Moniton, Washington.

Raleigh, North Carolina; Pfc. Earnest Newbury of Waukegan, Illinois; and Pfc. David Gormley of Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Left, Pvt. Ronald Lewis of Hopeville, Georgia, is putting the final touches on his three-tube radio. Looking on (left to right) are: Pfc. Sam B. Brice of Shreveport, Louisiana and Cpl. Ralph M. Johnson of Sioux City, Iowa.



Trainees In the Reconditioning Unit Take Radio Construction Course

"Learn while you build" is the motto in the Radio Construction and Theory course offered to the trainees of the Reconditioning Service at Annex IV, Brooke General Hospital. Recognizing the need for a course with both therapeutic and educational value, the Reconditioning Service has set up a radio class as part of the Voluntary Educational Activities program. During a period of from three to six weeks, the trainee may build a complete three-tube radio receiver and understand most of the "why's" and "wherefores" while he is building.

The program is strictly voluntary and the advancement of each trainee who has progressed from the patient stage to a convalescent depends upon his individual speed and adaptability. When a man shows up for his first class he is given an explanation of the basic fundamentals of radio theory . . . from transmission in the broadcasting station . . . to reception in the receiving set.

Since the first set that he builds is a crystal detector set, the trainee at Brooke is told exactly what each part plays in the process from aerial to tuning circuit, to

crystal, to bypass condenser, and finally, to the earphones. His next step is the actual construction of such a set according to prepared instructions; in this way, as he inserts each new element, he will mentally reflect the function of it, as explained in the preceding period, and tie up the entire phenomenon in a coherent and logical step-by-step process.

This plan progresses through the following phases, that is, building a one-tube set with earphones, a two-way communication system, and finally a three-tube radio complete with loudspeaker. The interest the men take in their work is heightened considerably by the prospect of listening to a radio which they, themselves, have built.

In a surprisingly short time, technical terminology, such as "amplitude modulation," "carrier wave," "variable capacitor," "inductive coupling," "grid leak resistor," "filter condenser," etc. are handled by the trainees with the facility of experts. Already many of the men at Brooke General Hospital have indicated a desire to continue with radio as an army assignment and also as a post-war occupation.

The cartoon at right by Pvt. Stan Louis and Sgt. Joey Gottlieb of the Reconditioning Service at Brooke General Hospital, most aptly depicts the reason why a certain Pfc. in the DMD can't get a T/5 rating.



"Well . . . are you convinced . . . ?"

Red Cross News...

Reported by Marie Liesch, Red Cross Worker

GRAY LADY

I'm dreaming of a Gray Lady
Whose kindness I cannot repay
In her veil and bonnet
With the Red Cross on it
She's an "Angel of Mercy" patients say.

I'll not forget that Gray Lady
Although I'm many miles away,
Every night I'll kneel and pray,
May the Lord be with you every day.

—Written by Tom Kearns.

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A hustle and bustle pervaded the atmosphere of the Red Cross Building the week before Christmas. Fruit, candy, nuts, cookies, cake and gift packages galore all generously donated by Brooke's many friends from local and surrounding communities, helped to make Christmas as pleasant as possible for patients at Brooke General. A Christmas tree on every ward and in the dayrooms lent a restive atmosphere.

The week preceding Christmas, members of the Junior Red Cross covered the hospital area each evening singing familiar carols. On Christmas Eve, gift boxes of candy were distributed to all patients.

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Interest was added to the Christmas Eve program at the Red Cross Auditorium by the awarding for five dollars in cash for a long distance call home. The holder of the lucky number was Private Norman Leibowitz, Annex III, whose home is in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. U. Cross of San Antonio donated the money for this purpose.

Dancing to the strains of the Randolph Field Orchestra was enjoyed by patients in Red Cross Building No. 1 on Wednesday, January 3rd, while another dance was held Friday, January 5th at Red Cross Building No. 2 with music provided by the Fort Sam Houston Orchestra.

A WAR EXPERT VIEWS THE NEWS

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the 7th, 24th, 32nd, 77th and 96th Infantry Divisions.

It is interesting to note that the Japanese 1st and 8th Divisions were moved from Manchuria, and the 68th brigade from Formosa, late in 1944. When MacArthur enters Luzon it is likely Japanese divisions from the Asiatic mainland will be sent to fight on Luzon.

NIMITZ

Admiral Nimitz was asked recently if he

believed if Japan might be defeated without an invasion of the homeland.

He replied: "Japan will have to be occupied to win the peace, but how much occupation, I don't know. We must be prepared to invade by assault, but I don't know how much they can take in the way of bombing."

Apparently Admiral Nimitz has a secret hope that Japan will quit before her home islands are invaded.

For more than a year I have expressed the belief that Japan will fold up under the destruction by air power of her industries and naval bases from Tokyo to Nagasaki.

HITLER SPEAKS

In a New Year address to the German people, which broke a silence of more than five months, Adolf Hitler declared that the war would not end in 1945, except through a German victory. He disclosed his intention to destroy every German who did not take part in the common effort for the good of the homeland.

Hitler said this New Year appeal to the German people was made "because we know the aims of our enemies and we know the fate that awaits us if we lose this war. We are fighting for our fatherland, for survival of the German people, for our culture and for our posterity.

"I want to beg you to continue to trust German leadership."

BASIC TRAINING

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Lt. Hendrixson entered the Army Nurse Corps in August of 1942 and reported at that time to Brooke General Hospital. In 1944 she was placed in charge of the expanded and revised Basic Training Program. Prior to this assignment Lt. Hendrixson was one of the Assistants to the Chief Nurse.

Her most valuable assistant, Lt. Hendrixson says, is Private First Class Reando, the drill-master. Reando gives instruction in Tent Pitching, Gas Mask Drill, Ambulance Loading in addition to dismounted drill and calisthenics. Lt. Hendrixson gives him full credit for the well-drilled classes. "He is a fine soldier, most cooperative, and takes a great deal of initiative in trying to make ours a better course of training."

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Every third Saturday at 1 p. m. a Review of the Basic Training Group is held on the field adjoining Reid Hall. Anyone interested in attending the Review is cordially invited to do so.



By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



"CAMPUS" TALK:

We wonder if the story now going the rounds of the school staff isn't just a little bit exaggerated. Seems as though Pfc. Rubenstein, who had in his possession the keys to the school HQ building, was standing in the chow line Christmas Day when Colonel Fargo entered the mess hall. The colonel walked up to Rubenstein with outstretched hand. "I'd like to have the keys to headquarters, please." The worthy Pfc., misunderstanding him, replied, "The same to you, sir!", and shook his hand.

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T/Sgt. Thornton is the latest advocate of drinking plenty of Bexar County water—and nothing else.

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With the advent of the new year, we acquired a new officer, 2nd Lt. Mike Olenik. The entire staff of the school joins in welcoming Lt. Olenik to Fort Sam.

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One rumor, which has outlasted all others during the past few months, has finally come true. We are getting about fifty WACs in the Medical and Surgical sections. We've been nosing around, trying to find out if it's safe to say anything yet—but maybe we'd better wait 'til the next issue to report on the girls.

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Visitors over the holidays included Sgt. Frank Murray, brand-new 2nd Lt. Curtis Voelkel, Capt. Frucht, Capt. Foster, Major Dickerson, and Lt. Reid Cochran.

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Captain "Chow" Krone, who recently broke into society by attending a New Year's Eve party, says he's looking for a new hobby. Y'gonna quit eatin', Capt'n?

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It was brought to our attention that, for some mysterious reason, the early morning "bacon and egg" class at the Service Club has been discontinued. Tsk, tsk, tsk. We enjoyed our late breakfast SO much, too.

It wasn't enough that everyone was continually being annoyed by sporadic outbursts from Captain Ball's Ford's exhaust. Sgt. Buehler brought his alleged motorcycle to Fort Sam.

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Lt. John Ward and Capt. Jim Kelley have patched up their—uh—differences of opinion. 'Tis rumored that the Captain caused the lieutenant to take an unnecessary—hike.

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Fred's Place is considerably brightened during the noon hour by the presence of Margaret, Emma Lee, Ronnie, Mary, and Johnnie, our HQ gals.

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Sgt. Bleakney, who just returned from furlough, was observed in the Forum in Houston during the holidays, with a contented, "homey" look on his face. Just a civilian at heart, eh, sarge?

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Looking down at a pad on our desk, on which are noted items for use in the Bluebonnet, we see the notation "Get something on Curry." Miss McCoy, if anyone slips something through, your blue pencil is in the top right drawer of the desk. (Can't hear ya!)

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Pfc. Walt Worrell recently was assigned to headquarters company, Company "A". The Medical Section staff says, "Congratulations, Walt, we knew you'd make it, somehow."

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Pvt. Angelo DiPasquale (Casanova II) was just unofficially elected best-dressed G. I. of Company "B." It was probably the O. D. spats that did it.

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Student James Ledford, one of our star basketeers, says he's just misunderstood. He has good intentions of rolling out of bed at the first whistle every morning—

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PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

—as scheduled by the Special Service Office

The coming attractions as announced by the Special Service Office at Brooke promise to be most interesting and exciting. Details as to when and where each of these gems in entertainment can be found are on the new Special Service posters located in both the "old" and the "new" hospitals.

Coming the 15th and 16th of January is a swell variety show entitled "Happy Daze" in which The Hollywood Bombadears are featured. The USO-Camp Shows Hospital Circuit Unit No. 11 is giving everybody a chance to see it by putting it on at both the hospitals here.

Mrs. Wilmuth Stevens, a portrait and sketching artist, is coming to spend five days here at Brooke—from January 15th to the 20th. She will tour all the wards and sketch patients who would like to have a drawing of themselves. This ought to be good.

On January 18 the General Electric House of Magic Show is here. This is a "must" on everybody's entertainment calendar,

A great deal of enthusiasm for the new Special Service Quiz Program is in evidence. This program begins Saturday afternoon, January 13th, over the hospital public address system. With the witty Cpl. Bob Oyster as Master of Ceremonies this 30-minute weekly session of questions, answers and gags will be highly enjoyable to participants and listeners alike.

ANDY ANDERSON, SPORTS AND FISHING EDITOR, DUE AT BROOKE ON JANUARY 17TH

War veterans at Brooke General Hospital will be initiated into the fine art of fishing January 17th when Andy Anderson, sports editor and fishin' authority of The Houston Press, offers his program.

Andy's show consists of demonstrations in fly tying, rod and bait building, bait and fly casting. He shows an action movie of fishin' expeditions and relates scores of humorous stories. The yarns concern baseball, boxing, fishin' and incidents in other sports gathered during his 25 years as sports editor.

Andy has appeared before 4000 war veterans in hospitals and offers his program to the patients without cost. The Elks Lodge of Houston recently underwrote his traveling expenses.

He has reduced the mechanics of bait and fly casting to a minimum and in many instances boys learn to cast after only 30

minutes' practice. He also does a few trick shots and injects a lot of fun into the program. His program starts with tours of the wards and visits with "shut-ins." He also conducts classes in occupational therapy and the casting program is staged either in the auditorium or gymnasium, depending on the weather. The moving picture show climaxes the program.

ARMY ARTS CONTEST ANNOUNCED

An Army Arts contest has been announced in which art contributions by enlisted personnel may be submitted in EIGHT different groups, with local awards in each group. The winning entries besides receiving local prize awards will be exhibited from 4 July to 15 August 1945 at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

The contest closes 20 February 1945 with entries to be submitted to the Service Club, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

For further details, call 3041 or see the Special Service Officer, Room B-55 "new" hospital.

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but "they don't blow the durn thing loud enough!"

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Captain Stout, on being asked about his Christmas in a conversational way, said that everything was very quiet. But—why did he miss the chair when he started to sit down at his desk the first morning after his leave was up?

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Lt. Ed Wasserman is now a full-fledged member of the officer staff. This last week, he was presented with a diploma, showing that he is a graduate dental technician—SSN 067.

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Congratulations to Ex-Lt. Thaddeus Herbert—who is now sporting twin bars on his shirt collar.

OOPS! HERE'S ONE FOR THE BOOK

ED's Note: So sorry, Carroll, all out of blue pencils

Private Carroll H. Curry of M.D.E.T.S. made a sojourn to Houston, Texas, for the Christmas holidays. After a P. M. at Houston's Famous Plantation Club dancing to the melodious strains of Joe Cappo and his music, Private Curry in a moment of glee hurled his Sunday top-piece over a 14-story building. He returned to San Antonio bare-headed—sadder, wiser, broker, and with saner New Year's resolutions.

3 Brooke Civilian Co-Workers Receive Awards for "Ideas for Victory"



Left to right in the picture, are: Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding Brooke; Mary B. Malone; Alton W. F. Blumberg and Adrienne Onderdonk.

In a brief ceremony in General Beach's office Monday, December 18, three Civilian Co-Workers of Brooke General Hospital received certificates and checks for their "Ideas for Victory."

The citation read: "These Certificates are evidence of the acceptance of Victory Suggestions and carry with them the thanks of the Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, and indirectly the thanks of every loyal American." The certificates were signed by Lt. Col. John L.

Clem, Jr., of the Finance Department.

Those receiving the awards were Mary B. Malone of the Civilian Personnel Office "for suggesting improved control on assignments of new employees"; Alton W. F. Blumberg, also of the Civilian Personnel Office, "for suggesting an improved Time and Leave Report Form"; and Adrienne Onderdonk of the Officers Personnel "for her suggestion of an improved clearing sheet for officer-patients and officer-personnel of the hospital."

SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES GRAND OPERA

Grand opera performances on Feb. 20, 22, 24 and 25, will feature Metropolitan Opera stars in "La Boheme," "I Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana." Reservations for

these special events already are pouring into the Symphony Society office, officials report.

Tickets for enlisted men and women are available at sixty cents for all symphony programs. Opera tickets range from a \$6 top to \$1 for enlisted personnel.

Give to a Worthy Cause...

NATIONAL INFANTILE PARALYSIS

★ DRIVE ★ for funds

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has announced its annual drive to begin 14 January and to continue through 31 January. It is hoped that Brooke General Hospital will make a good showing for this humane cause. All contributions are voluntary and will be gladly accepted at any of the collection points throughout the hospital and post. Make the "change" in your pocket change the life of some youth.

A DIME AT A TIME

MAY RELIEVE PAIN LIKE AN ANODYNE

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS

NEWS FROM THE DETACHMENT, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Submitted by T/Sgt. William C. McGinnis

The Brooke General Hospital Basketball Team plays every Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Sports Arena.

The squad is represented by the following named Enlisted Men: T/Sgt. William C. McGinnis, T/Sgt. Edwin G. Majestic, T/3RD Robert L. Dunn, Sgt. Clyde O. Bogan, T/4TH Claudie J. Johns, Cpl. Paul

Volk, T/5TH John Thornton, Pfc. John Alford, Pfc. Paul V. Bartow Jr., Pfc. Lloyd Dietz, Pfc. Roland Farley, Pfc. Sylvan J. Gurinsky, Pfc. Howard C. Pruitt, Pvt. Arthur Pogorzala, Pvt. Gorvey C. Rice and Pvt. Anthony Antonelli.

The team is coached by Pfc. Roland Farley.

Brooke General Hospital defeated Brackenridge High School by a score of 27-25, War Dept. Personnel Center by 43-21, PWP by 33-7 and was defeated by Med. Sery. School 23 to 20.